(c) the annual cost of maintaining such vessels and the benefits expected to be derived?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Central Government is acquiring Two Tuna training vessels at an estimated cost of Rs.75 crores.

(c) The annual cost of maintenance of these vessels is estimated approximately at Rs.2.75 crores. The benefits expected from these vessels are (i) achieving a total of 1300 institutional trainee days and 1600 post institutional trainee days per annum, (ii) imparting training to fishermen in new technology of tuna purse seining and (iii) disseminating information on distribution and abundance of various pelagic fish species to the end-users.

Exchange of FSI research maps and data with IOTC

1374. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to\state:

(a) whether the Central Government has given full authority to the Fishery Survey of India to exchange all its research maps and data with the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission;

(b) whether the Central Government has invested a huge amount of money to complete such Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZs) marine surveys of Tuna in the EEZ;

(c) the reasons for sharing/exchange of valuable data with a foreign body; and

(d) the steps taken to curb such practices and monitoring the Fishery Survey of India's activities in the best interest of the Indian fishermen?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) No, Sir. As per the agreement signed, the Member countries including India are required to furnish information on the vessels operated and the catch taken from the IOTC managed areas to the Commission. Fishery Survey of India has been authorized to provide only such specific information to the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) under intimation to the Ministry of Agriculture.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Government in the past has incurred substantial amount of money to conduct Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) surveys for tuna through the Fishery Institutes.

(c) and (d) Does not arise in view of the reply to part (a) above.

Measures for agricultural growth

1375. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Development Council proposed a slew of measures to pep up agricultural growth which include a new additional Central assistance